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PART I.

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT.

Reviews the Report on the working of the Treasuries in the State during the year 1927-28.

READ—

Letter No. C. Per. A. 7, dated the 21st November 1928, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, submitting with his remarks, the report of the Comptroller, letter No. 468 T. A. D. B., dated the 29th September 1928, on the working of the treasuries in the State during the year 1927-28.

ORDER NO. R. 5315-25—R. M. 72-28-2, DATED 7TH JANUARY 1929.

From the Comptroller's report it is seen that there has been no substantial improvement during the year under report in the submission of the monthly accounts on the due dates in a complete form with the necessary subsidiary statements. Statement D contains as many as 20 cases where differences between the cash account and the subsidiary registers have been noticed. Schedules of education receipts and of education cess are reported to have been received after considerable delay. It is stated that the monthly accounts of the Mysore District for June 1928, were received on 12th July

after the issue of a telegram from the Comptroller's Office. The total number of bills wrongly paid is 46, and the over-payments number 31. It is also reported that in the Bangalore District the figures given in the cash accounts for July and August were very illegible owing to numerous over-writings.

2. In spite of the observations made in last year's review the delay in the submission of the several annual returns has continued. The annual return of pensioners, due from each treasury by the 15th July 1928, was not submitted till the end of September by the Districts of Bangalore, Chitaldrug and Mysore. There has been a considerable delay ranging from one to two months in the case of the other Districts also. The number of correction memos received by the Comptroller for the rectification of errors in the treasury accounts was 170, the Mysore District being responsible for as many as 51.

3. The delay on the part of the Treasury Officers in complying with the objection slips issued by the Comptroller has ranged from three months to nine months. A shortage in the stock of stamps in the Mysore District Treasury to the extent of Rs. 3,552-14-0 was discovered on the 24th April 1928. Government have since passed orders in respect of this case in No. R. 3921-5—R. M. 43-28-4, dated the 10th November 1928. Cases of embezzlement of money in operating on Savings Bank accounts have been reported in respect of the treasuries at Seringapatam, the Mysore District Treasury and the State Huzur Treasury. The Comptroller states that these serious irregularities are due to withdrawals having been allowed without the production of pass books and to sufficient precautions not having been taken in issuing duplicate pass books, and in preparing dead account lists. Detailed instructions in this regard are stated to have been issued by the Comptroller in his Circular No. 117—S. B., dated the 23rd April 1928. Government have passed orders in their No. 3898-9—R. M. 38-28-3, dated the 10th November 1928, in respect of the defalcation of Rs. 13,000 in the Mysore Taluk Treasury between the years 1925 and 1927. Government trust that the irregularities referred to above will not be allowed to recur.

4. Among the other defects adverted to in the Comptroller's report, double or excess payments have been reported in respect of four treasuries, a double claim in respect of one Taluk Treasury, the payment of interest on bonds bearing a defective endorsement in respect of one District Treasury, irregular negotiation of bonds by the Amildar as Taluk Treasury Officer in regard to two Taluk Treasuries and excess or double payments in respect of one District Treasury. There has been loss of records in one Taluk Treasury and theft of treasury keys and seal in another. Bills have been paid without the drawer's signature in a few treasuries.

5. As observed by the Revenue Commissioner, treasury work is capable of considerable improvement and this would be possible if Deputy Commissioners take special interest in their working and see that the instructions issued from time to time are strictly followed. Government hope that the current year will record an appreciable improvement in this direction.

6. The Deputy Commissioners of Districts and the Comptroller in respect of the State Huzur Treasury are requested to issue special instructions to the officers in charge of the several treasuries to rectify the defects noticed, and submit to them a report of action taken within three months.

7. Government in their Order No. R. 4662-71—R. M. 36-27-4, dated the 21st December 1927, approved of the proposal to depute qualified men from the Comptroller's Office to the District Treasuries where qualified men are not available for a period of two years. The Comptroller states that so far he has not received any requisition from any of the Deputy Commissioners in the matter. Government regret to note that no advantage has been taken of this arrangement by the heads of Districts.

8. The supply of forms is stated to be insufficient. The Comptroller is requested to expedite the submission of the consolidated list of treasury forms and registers, with a view to enable the Revenue Commissioner to arrange with the Superintendent, Government Printing for the indents from Treasuries being promptly complied with.

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